

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.206**

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TO:	The Honorable Hugh Leatherman, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Free Tuition After Active Military Duty		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

The proposed Bill amends Article 11 to Chapter 111, Title 59 so as to exempt persons called to active military duty from paying tuition to a public institution of higher learning or a technical college in this State. To receive free tuition the student must be a resident of the State, in good standing of the armed forces, and seats must be available.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Commission on Higher Education indicates that costs associated with the implementation of this Bill would be minimal and could be absorbed by the institutions. Since this legislation provides for tuition on a seat available basis, the institution is not necessarily forgoing tuition, but would still have some cost associated with registration and enrollment.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

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